



Komsomal members giving guard of honour to the portrait of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, on 5th August at Saheed Minar Maidan.
(On the dais) Central Committee Members Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary, Sachin Banerjee and Hiren Sarkar and other state leaders are also giving Red Salute.

Hold aloft the banner of struggle Comrade Nihar Mukherjee's ardent appeal

At the outset, Comrade Mukherjee said:

This meeting has been called to commemorate the 5th anniversary of the passing away of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the founder general secretary of our party, the SUCI, one of the foremost Marxist thinkers of the era, and our beloved leader, guide and teacher. The befitting way to remember him is to recall his struggles, his struggling life and to realise that we are his successors in continuity with his life and struggles. Comrade Ghosh, through the knowledge gained from experience, not only concretised, elaborated and enriched Marxism but raised the understanding of Marxism-Leninism to a new height. By applying Marxism to every national and international problem through life long struggles, he brought into relief the fact that Marxism is a creative philosophy, the only scientific philosophy in ascertaining truth. The treasure house of knowledge he has bequeathed to us through life long struggles involving the students, youths, peasants and workers is a beacon light to the revolutionary struggles of the proletariat not only in this country, but in the whole world.

With deep anguish Comrade Ghosh perceived that it would be a calamity if the people in this country, and in other countries too, by seeing the unprincipled and unethical activities and conduct of the pseudo-lefts, pseudo communists, turn away from leftism and communism. He showed that the toiling masses would have to understand the reasons of the crisis in politics, economics and culture-ethics-morality. Comrade Ghosh showed that in this third phase of intense general crisis of world capitalism, crisis day in and day out has become

the lasting feature. Indian capitalism, being an inseparable part of world capitalism, is also crisis-ridden, moribund. Faithful servers of Indian capitalism like Smt. Indira Gandhi can try to delay its doom, but cannot avert it. On the basis of this firm unshakable

realisation has Comrade Ghosh placed the different mass organisations of the SUCI. Through strenuous life long struggles, by every drop of blood, he taught us: this exploitation of capitalist social system cannot bring about emancipation to the
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5th August the beacon light to the oppressed millions for emancipation

Aflame is one great revolutionary life before us, from which we are to kindle our own. People who paraded the streets of cities on 5th August all over the country lit their torch from this noble life: Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. The torch has to be taken to every part of the land, the flame spread to every home for it sheds light on the road to emancipation of our toiling masses—so was the message the marchers carried on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day.

5th August returns every year signalling our goal to us, our way, our weapon of struggle on the way. It is the beacon for us. Workers, peasants and thousands of toiling people take to streets on the day carrying the red banner of the revolutionary party of the proletariat, the SUCI—the party our most beloved departed leader left to us as our invincible weapon. They reaffirm their pledge to fulfil the leader's behest, they carry democratic mass struggle one step forward toward the cherished goal. They

are the disciples of Comrade Ghosh, the moving procession in the country today urging the people to take lessons from the ceaseless arduous struggle he conducted unto death against inconceivable odds and face the present complex situation armed with his thoughts. They are the torch bearers of revolutionary politics based on higher proletaria culture and ethics, the vanguard of struggle against the unscrupulous unprincipled, opportunistic, sectarian politics of the
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Com. Shibdas Ghosh's thoughts and teachings create great enthusiasm

Thousands Visit the Quotation Exhibition at Pragnanananda Hall, Calcutta

The Central Committee of our party, SUCI adjured us this year, on the occasion of 5th August, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day, to learn and re-learn his thoughts and teachings in order to build ourselves as worthy disciples of the great departed leader and carry his message to every corner of the country.

As a part of the programme the Calcutta District Committee of SUCI, organised a Quotation Exhibition at Pragnanananda Bhawan near Sealdah. The Quotation Exhibition was inaugurated on 29th July at 6 p.m. and was continued upto 1st August.

The exhibition was inaugurated with the song composed on the great leader and was sung by the DYO Music Squad. The exhibition was inaugurated by Comrade Sukomal Dasgupta, Secretary, West Bengal State committee, SUCI.

In his inaugural speech Comrade Dasgupta said that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh is no more amongst us but he has left behind a vast treasure of knowledge which will not only show us the path in our struggle to bring emancipation of Indian proletariat, but will guide us even for many decades to come after revolution. Not only that his thoughts and teachings will show path to the world proletarian revolutionary movement as well, Comrade Dasgupta emphatically said.

So far, we have been able to publish only a little portion of his vast treasure of knowledge, Comrade Dasgupta continued, and these quotations displayed here are just a negligible few—as if we have picked up a few pebbles from the shore of his inexhaustible sea of knowledge. In his pursuit to build up SUCI, the genuine working class party on our soil, he has concretised, elaborated and enriched and brought to a new height the

understanding of Marxism-Leninism.

Comrade Ghosh has taught us that we cannot learn Marxism-Leninism by copying—we can acquire comprehensive knowledge only by applying it in concrete conditions. We must acquire proletarian culture, ethics and morality. We shall have to wage relentless struggle to free ourselves from petty individual interest, we must struggle continuously to identify our self-interest with that of social interest—by this and by this alone we can become true communists, said Comrade Dasgupta.

Through scientific analysis Comrade Ghosh has exposed the real face of fascism. He has shown that the Two party system is a variant of fascist rule, a variant of fascism. Fascism does not come only in the form of ruthless autocratic rule, repression and oppression—it has another face, in the form of persuasion, under cover of so-called radical slogan, socialist vocabulary.

We must remember his caution that in today's world when social democracy has thoroughly exposed itself it is those pseudo-communist parties who have reduced themselves to national communist parties, who have red banner, chant revolutionary slogans, will become the last prop of defence of capitalism and will be instrumental to bring fascism, waving red banner, if they can combine fanaticism and blindness with apparent militancy.

Comrade Ghosh has taught us that man does not tolerate oppression for long—one day they will rise in protest, express resentment, rise in revolt—but revolt and revolution are not one and the same thing—one is just an outburst of resentment against oppression, exploitation the other is an upsurge for fundamental change. But fundamental change which alone can end exploitation

and end the miseries of the people cannot be brought about if the path is not correct. So it is imperative that the correct path is to be determined.

Again Comrade Ghosh has taught us that we want to solve our problems, we want to bring revolution—but it is not all—what is of greatest importance is whether to achieve it we perform our own responsibilities. We must build ourselves so as to be worthy organisers, worthy leaders of the people to lead them to the path of revolution, not to fetch petty individual interest, said Comrade Dasgupta.

Comrade Dasgupta then continued to say that the party Comrade Shibdas Ghosh started to build brick by brick in 1948 with a handful of compatriots defying all odds and adversities has now spread its activities in 18 states of India. People see for themselves that SUCI is made of different metal. In greater number they are rallying behind our party. People are watching with admiration the movements we are organising, all on our own strength, on people's various demands. We have the future. People want to fight against injustice—we are to show them the correct path, the path laid down by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. So we must carry his thoughts to every corner of the country.

In an emotion-rousing voice Comrade Dasgupta concluded by saying that let us learn and relearn, as has been urged by the Central Committee of our party headed by Comrade Nihar Mukherjee a close Comrade in arms of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the thoughts and teachings of our great leader, teacher and guide to build ourselves as his worthy disciples. If we can do that, only then, shall we be able to pay our real homage to him.

It started to rain in torrents just when

Comrade Dasgupta began his inaugural speech, and the rain continued for more than one hour. Not a single person who assembled there on this occasion, standing outside the hall under bare sky did move away—they defied the natural calamity, all fully drenched—listened with rapt attention to the speech—in the spirit worthy of the disciples of the great leader of the proletariat.

At the front of the Hall a gate all in red was erected. Quotations, beautifully written on cardboards were placed on the walls of the Hall and as there was shortage of space, in the middle of the Hall was erected a temporary wall to provide room for more boards. At the dais was placed a portrait of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, flower bedecked.

When one goes through the quotations one wonders how deeply he understood all the problems, how profound was his wisdom! How boldly he stood and defended the nobility of Communism, "Communist moral is fundamentally different from humanistic moral values both in content and character. In the annals of human society humanism is not the last word. It is undoubtedly, the most lively air that the oppressive bourgeois thinking is capable of producing. But the march of progress of society does not stop there and hence, the sense of moral values does not find its zenith in humanism. Communism begins where humanism ends. Only on the ashes of humanist moral values can communist moral values grow and prosper".

Will only understanding Marxism-Leninism intellectually help us to attain our goal? No, certainly not. He said, "All Marxists and men of profound wisdom and men of erudition know it very well that man's emotional relation bears

strong influence on his character and culture. If a man understands revolutionary theories only intellectually but fails to realise them on the level of emotion then it cannot influence his character, intellectual ability, understanding. Understanding of Marxism remains at the surface level of intellect and can be used only for academic exercises like writing, discussing or giving lectures—but it is of no avail in influencing character".

But we must never forget that "to a revolutionary emotion, pain, tenderness, affection, love, sense of duty and responsibility, anger and hate—all this carry a meaning, a significance. To a revolutionary these are not mere personal affairs. At least, one, who is a revolutionary, a Marxist-Leninist and who realises what revolution is, should understand that the expression of these emotional faculties in him, merely for personal reasons, does not carry any sense at all. If these are for personal reasons then he is not a revolutionary of the first rank".

But how to know as to whether one has become such a revolutionary, one has grasped Marxism-Leninism correctly? He said, "The acid test as to whether a man has correctly realised Marxism-Leninism is whether a high cultural-ethical standard is being reflected in his life".

For, "The kernel, the living soul of any lofty ideal, any philosophy or any worthy ideology lies in its cultural, ethical and aesthetic standard. Marxism is a lofty revolutionary ideal. Its kernel, the living soul of this noblest revolutionary ideal also is ingrained in its cultural and moral values."

Choosing a genuine revolutionary party or building such one and strengthen it with all might is an all important task for the emancipation of the

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Massive Protest Demonstration to West Bengal Governor against ESMO

Calcutta :

The West Bengal State Committee of the SUCI organised a massive protest demonstration against the promulgation of the Essential Services Maintenance Ordinance 1981 by the Central Congress (I) Government on August 5 last. The demonstration was led by leaders like Comrade Ashutosh Banerjee, Comrade Fatick Ghosh and Comrade Chhaya Mukherjee. In spite of the prior intimation it was found that the Governor was absent and so the memorandum was placed to the Deputy Secretary to the Governor for transmission to him. The salient points of the memorandum as submitted to the Governor are given below :

.....It is an incontrovertible fact that Indian capitalism as a part of the crisis-ridden world capitalism, is passing through the third phase of intense general crisis and thus being crippled is adopting authoritarian measures one after another, but instead of bringing abatement they only accentuate the crisis further. So, it is not accidental that a vast country like India having rich minerals, forest, and natural resources as also huge man-power including the technical know-how of thousands and thousands of scientists, technicians, leaving aside the question of initiating and sustaining industrial revolution, modernising and mechanising agriculture, creating employment opportunities thereby, far from augmenting the productive capacity is even keeping the existing installed capacity idle. That is why, closure, lock-outs, lay-offs have become almost daily occurrence, sickness in industrial field endemic. The entire agricultural sector has been left to the mercy of the jotedars, hoarders, profiteers and the evil chain of vested

interest. And for all these maladies, the exploited working people can surely be not held responsible in any way, the responsibility should lie fairly and squarely on this crisis-ridden capitalist productive system.

But, in order to serve the interest of the ruling capitalist class, your

Government is increasing on the one hand, the tax burdens on the people, enhancing prices of essential commodities including transport fares, eroding the real wages by devaluing money, protecting and encouraging all evil and corrupt practices of business community just to pass the buck on to the people, on

the other hand, is crushing ruthlessly all democratic and legitimate movements, trampling under foot all democratic rights and norms, moral values and ethics, squeezing further relative neutrality of administration, independence of judiciary, autonomy of educational institutions over and above promulgating ordinances and enacting laws that take away the last vestiges

of democratic rights and values in a bid to bring about all-out fascism in the country.

We, on behalf of the toiling and exploited people of our country strongly demand of you and through you, the Government of India to withdraw forthwith the most undemocratic and anti-people Essential Services Maintenance Ordinance, 1981, promulgated very recently.



A portion of the mammoth demonstration at Esplanade East, Calcutta against the ESMO. Comrade Ashutosh Banerjee, Secretary, Calcutta District Committee, is addressing the gathering

Country observes Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day with solemnity and resolve

Millions of people throughout the country paid their revolutionary homage to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat, on 5th August last. At the call of the Central Committee of the SUCI the fortnight long memorial programme was observed in the different state capitals of India through the organising of group meetings, street corner meetings, sale of literature on the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, exhibitions of quotations from the speeches of this great leader, decorative wall writings and posterings inscribing the teachings of Comrade Ghosh. News of the central meetings on 5th August are pouring in from different state capitals. Below we publish the news of some of the meetings.

BIHAR

Under the auspices of the Bihar State Committee of the SUCI a big meeting was held at Bihar Legislative Club Hall on 5th August last in Patna. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Amar Kumar Pandey, and Comrade Shankar Singh, the Central Committee member of the SUCI was the main speaker.

In course of his speech, Comrade Shankar Singh highlighted some aspects of the contributions of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh the great leader of the proletariat, especially in the field of proletarian culture and ethics in course of concretising Marxism-Leninism. Comrade Singh stressed that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh built up the party SUCI starting with a handful of revolutionary compatriots with a revolutionary zeal amidst heavy odds, unthinkable in the present day situation. Comrade Singh urged upon the people to grasp the revolutionary teachings of Comrade Shibdas

Ghosh and practise them in life and this is the only way to pay homage to this great leader.

BIHIYA, BHOJPUR

A memorial meeting was held on 3rd August to pay homage to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh at Bihiya in Bhojpur district in Bihar. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Shyamananda Mishra. Comrade Shankar Singh, Central Committee member of the SUCI was the main speaker.

Prior to starting the meeting Comrade Singh inaugurated the local party office which was constructed by the local peasants and workers at their own initiative over a parcel of land donated by Comrade Ramavtar Ojha. Comrade Shankar Singh in course of his speech in the memorial meeting mentioned about this and commented that it was very significant that today peasants and workers are coming forward to build their own party office and devoting themselves to the party work at their own initiative and this would have pleased Comrade Shibdas Ghosh most.

NEW DELHI

On August 5th, a memorial meeting was held at the Constitution Club Hall in New Delhi to pay homage to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat. The meeting was presided over by Comrade O. P. Suman and Comrade

Pritish Chanda, one of the Central Committee members of the SUCI was the main speaker.

teachings of Comrade Ghosh, Comrade Chanda exposed the social democratic parties like the

line of anti-capitalist revolution that can alone defeat fascism and bring about ultimate emanci-



(Right) Comrade Shankar Singh, member of Central Committee addressing the Memorial Meeting at Patna. Comrade A. K. Pandey and Comrade A. Chakraborty, members, Bihar State Committee are on the dais.

(Left) A side view of the large gathering.

Comrade A. S. Boxi delivered an introductory speech.

In his speech Comrade Chanda analysed the present national and international situation in the light of the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and squarely blamed the revisionist leadership for the present distortion in the Communist movement, which is helping the reactionaries to launch fresh anti communist tirades. Comrade Chanda emphasised that Marxism-Leninism is a science and showed how Comrade Shibdas Ghosh has concretised and enriched this science of Marxism-Leninism by covering all aspects of life.

In the light of the

CPI & the CPI (M) who have completely abandoned the path of democratic movement in order to win the confidence of the bourgeoisie. Analysing the role of the CPI (M) in West Bengal, Tripura and Kerala, Comrade Chanda said that the CPI (M), not only guided by its opportunist policies but also by its attempt to emerge if possible as an alternative in parliamentary politics, does not want to launch any movement. Comrade Chanda appealed to the people to grasp the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and to build up mass movement based on higher proletarian culture, morals and ethics and on the base political

pation of the entire society.

ASSAM

On 5th August a memorial meeting was organised at the Nabin Bardouli Hall in Gauhati under the presidentship of Comrade Jaynal Abedin, the MLA from our party SUCI. Comrade Ashit Bhattacharyya who was the main speaker, said that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh enriched the treasure house of Marxism Leninism which is the science of all sciences. Highlighting the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh on fascism, Comrade Bhattacharyya said that the dual character of fascism was exposed by Comrade Ghosh and he

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Comrade Ashit Bhattacharyya, Secretary, Assam State Committee addressing the Memorial Meeting at Gauhati. Comrade Jaynal Abedin, MLA is seen on the dais.

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workers and peasants, the toiling masses, for attaining emancipation, they need anti-capitalist socialist revolution. Comrade Ghosh brilliantly identified the ingredients needed to organise successful revolution and strove to attain the same. Comrade Lenin had shown that without a correct revolutionary theory there could be no revolution and by applying Marxism in analysing every phenomenon in Russia he showed that under the leadership of the working class, the landless and poor peasants, the petty bourgeois and other sections of the toiling masses would and could accomplish socialist revolution. Comrade Ghosh pointed out again and again that when Lenin underlined the importance of revolutionary theory, he included the question of proletarian culture covering all aspects of life which the revolutionary workers must acquire and carry forward to accomplish revolution. Comrade Ghosh further elaborated concretely these revolutionary tasks in the post-Lenin period and through struggles covering all aspects of life and delving deeply into every branch of epistemology attained through realisation of Marxism and has handed down to us a treasure house of knowledge, the correct base political line of the Indian revolution and the correct revolutionary working class party, the SUCI which, by keeping the dialectical process living within it, will act as the vanguard detachment of working class in every movement, every struggle in the country.

Comrade Nihar Mukherjee further said that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh has placed our party, the SUCI, on the base of higher proletarian culture and ethics. So long giving precedence to the interest of the party and revolution over the interest of the individual, that is, subjugating individual interest to the interest of party and revolution

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's thoughts alone can guide in our struggle against vicious attacks of moribund capitalism

was considered to be the highmark of communist character. Facing the problems of acute selfishness, self-centred attitude, ego-centrism and apathy to social problems bred among the people by the moribund capitalism, Comrade Ghosh has raised the concept of communist character to a new height and has set the example of a higher standard of communist morality through his own exemplary revolutionary life and character. He has shown that those who are to attain advanced communist character today, will have to completely identify their individual interest with social interest, the interest of the party and revolution. Showing the clear difference he said that when we are able to surrender individual interest to the interest of party and revolution, it shows that even then there is existence of individual interest. But when merging and complete identification of individual interest with social interest becomes possible then individual interest does not have any separate existence from the toiling masses and their revolutionary party.

Comrade Nihar Mukherjee added that those who, armed with Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's teachings, want to bring about radical transformation of the society, will have to have the firm conviction that the present society has nothing more or better to offer. Comrade Ghosh has shown that the main task today is to build up the movements of students, youths, women, peasants, workers—the toiling masses—in a manner conducive to revolution, and to forge the instruments of struggle, the people's committees, and through those only by emergence of people's own alternative political power in this manner can the present exploitative system be smashed. Therefore,

there is only one true way of showing respect to Comrade Ghosh: to realise that only the party workers cannot organise the revolution, all sections of the toiling masses will have to participate in the revolution actively because there is no other way of escape from the problems and misery of life. Therefore, they have to view and understand the problems on the basis of working class outlook, Marxism-Leninism. Marx said that in order to change the world, the workers must change themselves first; today the decadent morality, sense of values of moribund capitalism is influencing us and trying to degrade us all the time—in order to free the toiling masses from these, study and cultivation of learning, sciences and knowledge will have to be intensified so that the toiling masses can acquire proletarian world outlook and arm themselves for playing active role in bringing about true transformation of the society. You need not take this as gospel truth because I am saying this, you yourself analyse. Is there any other course open?

It is to be understood clearly why Smt. Gandhi's Government is adopting one after another repressive measures and more and more concentrating power in the hands of police and bureaucracy—whither they are trying to take the country through these? Smt. Gandhi has had to admit that the economy of the country is tottering today. In order to bolster up this crisis-ridden capitalist economy Smt. Gandhi's Government serving the aggregate interest of the ruling bourgeois class, through succession of deficit budgets, increase in taxation and price hikes—is on the one hand giving relief to the capitalists, the bourgeoisie through various subsidies, incentives and price hikes

while on the other, is passing the whole burden of the crisis of capitalist economy on to the shoulders of the toiling masses. In order that the masses may not rise up in united protest, democratic rights are being curtailed one by one, to the workers bonus is being restricted and the new ordinance taking away the right to strike has been promulgated so that the ruling class gets away unscathed. The central as well as the state governments—not only the Congress (I) run Governments but also the "left" ministries in the states of West Bengal, Kerala and Tripura headed by the CPI(M)—are parties to this bourgeois design and conspiracy. Not only that, on most of the occasions when the Central Government raised excise duty on petrol, diesel etc. the West Bengal Government also followed suit by increasing the duty at a lower rate but raised a hue and cry over the issue of imposition of taxes by the Central Government. The "Left Front" Government has increased the expenditure on police and taxation in successive annual budgets, has increased the bus fare more than once during its rule of the last four years. Have you ever heard them saying that through the fiscal, taxation and price policy, through the authoritarian measures, the Central Government is passing the burden of crisis in capitalist economy on to the masses and safeguarding the interest of the ruling bourgeoisie? Had they been true leftists, would they not have focussed on the issue from this class-angularity and exposed this bourgeois design?

Is there not a burning necessity today of building up united left and democratic movement against the all-out fascist moves of the Central Government

so that the democratic rights could be restored, safeguarded and expanded? When, with the fascist objective of concentrating more power in the hands of the executive the clamour for adopting a presidential form of government was being raised in the country with active encouragement of the Central Government, we appealed to all the left parties for building up joint movement against the same. But there was no response.

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh has taught us that because of its development in the era of crisis of moribund capitalism and proletarian revolution, Indian capitalism has grown with a reformist and compromising character. It was not possible for the Indian bourgeoisie to play the bold revolutionary role the bourgeoisie played in the western countries in the days of industrial revolution. Lenin said that cultural revolution precedes the technical revolution. The rightist bourgeois leadership of the freedom movement in India, because of their fear complex of revolution, neglected the duty of bringing about a cultural revolution to precede the bourgeois democratic revolution through doing away with the religious superstitions, casteism, communalism, regionalism - parochialism and other feudal traits to democratise society. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh perceived this tragedy even at a tender age and anguish and pain of this filled his days and nights. His knowledge or thought was not merely acquired from books, he sought out truth through struggles and confronting concrete problems. Comrade Ghosh taught us that not only the bourgeois parties, but even those calling themselves leftists, Marxist-Leninists in this country did not unfurl the banner of cultural movement for democratisation of the society and stand up against casteism, regionalism, parochialism neither

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Not only the branded bourgeois but social democratic parties like CPI(M) defend crisis-ridden capitalism

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during the freedom movement, nor after the independence. Why? Because the correct understanding of Marxism required to grasp this task was not present in them. It is not that the CPI leaders were dishonest to start with. But unless correct dialectical process is used in forming and developing the party, unless there is scientific Marxist outlook and understanding and correct methodological approach along with honesty and dedication, a party can never become a true Marxist party and perform its historical tasks. The revolutionary leaders who organised revolution in practice in different ages and Comrade Ghosh too, have stressed that the correct process and correct base political line are the cardinal points; without these, only honesty and dedication cannot suffice. They never said that they were correct because they had so much mass support. We find in history that at times the masses have flocked behind and supported extreme reactionary ideologies even. Does it prove that those ideologies were socially progressive? Not at all. In Germany and Italy, fascism deceived and misguided large part of the people in supporting it and could hold the mass support for considerable time although fascism is the biggest enemy to progress and human civilisation. Therefore, only mass support cannot be the yardstick.

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, through deep insight and correct Marxist understanding, has made a comprehensive analysis of the form which fascism is taking today. He has shown that in this third phase of intense general

crisis of world capitalism, all capitalist countries, whether they are advanced or relatively backward, are more and more prone to move towards fascism in order to bolster up moribund crisis-ridden capitalism. Comrade Ghosh showed that fascism is not just naked dictatorship. He showed that fascism has a dual character. It rules through brutal repression coupled with sanction and support from a large misguided portion of the people whom it deceives by its cloak of progressiveness, by so-called radical slogans. That is why the radical, rather than the conservative section of the bourgeoisie is instrumental in bringing about fascism. This deceptive character of fascism is to be discerned and understood.

It is a matter of deep regret that the so called communist parties in our country failed in this regard. When the Congress (R) led by Smt. Gandhi was consolidating its position and moving towards fascism through various measures under the cloak of radical slogans, the CPI was hand in glove with her and the CPI(M) supported her. It was none but the Polit Bureau of CPI(M) which discovered healthy anti-imperialist anti-monopoly and progressive trend in the policies pursued by Smt. Indira Gandhi's Government. The CPI(M) described the measures like abolition of privy purse and bank nationalisation to be radical and progressive and hailed the victory of Sri V. V. Giri, Smt. Gandhi's presidential candidate as a victory of popular and democratic forces. During the Emergency, the CPI(M) accorded tacit approval to the Emergency measures and in a conciliatory memorandum submitted

to Smt. Gandhi even supported her fascistic 20 point programme!

Did they not help Indira Gandhi to gain a progressive image by all these? Could Indira Gandhi have succeeded so easily if these so called leftists had not painted her as progressive?

Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, appealed to these parties: criticise us if you like, but do so dispassionately and without rancour. Fascism, once established firmly, would spare nobody, not even you. If all the democratic forces in Germany had united against Hitler, could he have succeeded? Not only on the issue of switchover to presidential form, on the Assam question too we appealed to these "lefts" for jointly developing country-wide movement against the Central Government, but there was no response. On the question of the recent deaths of Irish revolutionary prisoners fighting for their political rights in British prison too, we appealed to these leftists to build up jointly a strong wave of protest and force the Indira Government to sever all relations with the British Commonwealth, but again they did not respond. Like the Irish, we too suffered during British rule. With great respect we recall the martyrdom of Jatin Das by starvation in British jail. And now not one but eight Irishmen have courted martyrdom in similar fashion and yet our independent sovereign Government has not even put in a protest. On the contrary, President Sanjiva Reddy and Rajiv Gandhi along with his wife have gone to the wedding feast of Prince Charles of England, taking a Kashmir carpet as gift! Is this not a display of slavish mentality? Yet these so-called leftists who have not responded to our

call for a movement on this issue, accuse us of slavish mentality when we protest against the anti-people policy of the "Left Front" Government in West Bengal of doing away with English in the primary stage of education—the English language on the basis of which the national awakening came to this country, the English language which was and is still conducive to growth and advancement of our respective mother-tongues in the country! These so-called left parties forget that fighting against British imperialist domination has nothing to do with fighting against English language as such. Most probably they also forget Stalin's remarkable proposition that language has no class character.

The ordinance promulgated by Indira Government banning strikes is but the beginning. Other draconian measures are in the offing. "We appeal to the workers of all the leftist parties: let us form a broad-based front for combating the evil of fascism by rallying not only the leftists and the left-oriented masses, but also the numerous non-left honest, right-thinking people, for if fascism comes it will spare nobody.

Whenever the question of organising a movement comes up, Promode Babu, West Bengal State Secretary of the CPI(M), either says that the SUCI is a disruptive force or that the SUCI does not abide by code of conduct. But see, the SUCI is not in the "Left Front" in this state. And yet, during the recent municipal elections, the constituents of the "Left Front" fought against one another in many a place, went to the extent of physical assault mostly by the CPI(M), and even sided with the Congress(I). Is this not true? When attacks are being mounted daily on the leftist workers and all mass movements are being crushed by this very "Left Front" Government, we hear from their mouths that the SUCI does not observe any code of con-

duct! This is the method of Goebbels, of trying to pass often a lie as truth by repeating it. Comrade Ghosh said that slanders cannot block the path of truth, because falsehood cannot deceive all for ever. Our founder General Secretary Comrade Shibdas Ghosh has set our party, the SUCI, on this firm conviction. Today SUCI is the only party which upholds the banner of democratic mass movement reflecting the interest of the people. Comrade workers of the left parties, the SUCI has again and again appealed for forming a united left front on the basis of a definite programme and code of conduct. But the CPI(M) has advocated loose, issue-based arrangement instead of a front. Even when, the CPI was undivided and the appeasing of the bourgeoisie by such pseudo-communists was not naked as today, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh showed by analysis that after the branded bourgeois parties have been thoroughly exposed in mass eyes, it is the parties who call themselves communists but are actually social democrats that can, by waving red flags and combining blind allegiance of the cadres with militancy, act as saviours to the crisis-ridden capitalism, as last props to capitalism as its doom approaches. I request the cadres-supporters of such left parties to deeply ponder: has not this analysis been fully corroborated by facts and events today? Comrades, many among you are in politics being attracted by the nobility of Marxism-Leninism, you pine for revolution. Will you not ensure that your genuine affinity for Marxism-Leninism, your allegiance to revolution, your feeling for the proletarian class and masses are not led astray by the wrong politics of the leadership of your parties?

It is our considered assessment that the parties like the CPI and the CPI(M) are petty bourgeois social democratic parties who participate in mass movements with reformist

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outlook and utilise such movements for just bringing about some reforms within the existing capitalist framework and for making gains in parliamentary politics. We view such forces as the compromising forces between labour and capital. In Marxist concept, there is an aspect of struggle even in unity with such forces. What should be the form of such struggle? When we were in united struggle with CPI(M) and others against the Congress we always protected this struggling unity like the apple of an eye but never forget, since we were united, to conduct

Comrade Nihar Mukherjee appeals to the rank and file of CPI(M), CPI and others to unite to stall the march of fascism

ideological struggle against the partners of the front for a single moment. With all humility, we can say that we have always upheld the Marxist norm of unity-struggle-unity in joint movements. While we were in united fronts with parties like the CPI and the CPI(M), while we have fought the Congress unitedly, we have at the same time conducted ideological struggles against such compromising left forces, because without this, the compromising

forces cannot be isolated, the revolutionary line cannot be established before the masses and the mass movements cannot be developed in a manner conducive to revolution. Therefore, as a serious Marxist party, even while organising united movements, it is our bounden duty to conduct uncompromising ideological struggles. It is worthwhile to recall that Comrade Lenin, even while fighting against the Czar unitedly with the Cadet Party, conducted ideological struggle against the Cadets. Later on, even while in united movement with the Mensheviks, Lenin fought them ideologically to expose their wrong politics. Without this, would the Great November Revolution have been possible? Comrade Stalin opined afterwards that without exposing the compromising forces ideologically and isolating them, the revolution could never have reached successful culmination. We have to remember these teachings of history.

The treasure house of

Marxist knowledge that we have inherited from our beloved leader, teacher and guide Comrade Shibdas Ghosh is the fruit of his life long struggles. It is not possible to discuss about it adequately even in a number of meetings taken together, not to speak of just one meeting. Also, it is not a subject just for discussion or talking about. Comrade Ghosh has handed down to us an invincible weapon for the success of Indian revolution—an epistemological category

covering all aspects of life, Marxist science and knowledge; a correct revolutionary base political line of the proletariat with concrete guidelines on strategy and tactics, on how to differentiate the enemies and friends of the Indian revolution and on all aspects of conducting mass movements towards creating people's own alternative political power as a precursor to revolution; and this revolutionary party, the SUCI, forged with his own hands. It is our duty to take guidance from these, develop this party from strength to further strength and prepare our-

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Comrade Sachin Banerjee, member of the Central Committee, SUCI, delivering his presidential address



Comrade Nihar Mukherjee, General Secretary SUCI addressing the gathering.



A portion of the gathering at Saheed Minar Maidan Calcutta on 5th August.

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selves for the revolutionary task enjoined upon us by him.

Comrade Ghosh knew that so long as the decadent capitalism was there, it would not only carry on political and economic exploitation, but would take resort to a thousand conspiracies in order to destroy the ethics and morals of the youths and masses in every house, everywhere. Because, in the words of Comrade Ghosh, "a nation going without food, suffering the worst kind of oppression and exploitation, and half fed and half-clad for days on end, can also stand up, fight against, acquire the power to combat, organise itself and rise up holding its head high, provided its moral strength remains intact and the people have a correct ideology before them." That is why Comrade Ghosh laid so much stress on culture, ethics, morals—so that we may place the mass movements on the strong foundation of higher culture, ethics and morality. Today, not only the Congress, but also the so-called leftists, the "Communists" who are trying to make a place for themselves in bourgeois parliamentary politics in order to be able to emerge as a possible alternative within the capitalist system acceptable to the ruling bourgeoisie—have all said goodbye to morality and ethics and are knowingly making the youth forces used to unethical living for furtherance of their opportunistic election politics. It is known to all that for a long time we were in united movement in West Bengal with the CPI(M) and its allies while conducting ideological struggle against them. Our unity with these forces did not break up despite all this so long the CPI(M) did not become part of the establishment and did not turn their face away from democratic mass movement. Taking advantage of the situation and because of the absence of a strong left and democratic movement on the basis of

Despite obstacles and attacks from vested interest SUCI, the party built and educated by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh is gaining ground

correct ethics and morals, Smt. Gandhi and her party, in the aggregate interest of the ruling bourgeoisie, are out to crush the moral strength of the nation. Comrades! Is it not the time to stand up and unitedly resist this?

Comrades, come forward to build up a strong democratic mass movement on the basis of a definite programme, code of conduct and ethics against the bourgeois conspiracy of destroying the morals and ethics of the nation because only an upsurge of such democratic movement can resist fascism! Let us all unitedly build up such a movement based on the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat! Comrade workers of the different left parties, the left oriented masses and all honest, right thinking people—let us all unitedly build up such an upsurge of movement! This is my fervent appeal to all of you. This is the only way to pay respect to this great departed revolutionary leader like Comrade Shibdas Ghosh!

**Long Live Revolution
Long Live SUCI
Red Salute,**

Comrade Shibdas Ghosh

Comrade Sachin Banerjee's Speech

Comrade Sachin Banerjee said that since 1976, every year on 5th August, we commemorate the passing away of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat. For us, this is not a formal, ritualistic show of respect to Comrade Ghosh. On this occasion our party workers study Comrade Ghosh's teachings covering all aspects of life, learn and re-learn his teachings, conduct a campaign of sale of books and pamphlets embodying Comrade Ghosh's thought and organise exhibition of quotations from his works. In this way, the

party workers enhance this knowledge and spread Comrade Ghosh's thought. Comrade Ghosh was a seeker of truth. When by deep analysis he perceived the painful truth that there is no real communist party in the country, he came forward with a handful of revolutionary compatriots to form the SUCI, the only true communist party on the Indian soil. Obstacles or hindrances could not budge him. This stupendously bold venture, in the face of numerous established parties, was considered by many to be an act of madness. With ceaseless untiring toil, Comrade Ghosh picked up and developed cadres one by one and would rush to a place on the information that someone there had enthusiasm and promise. At the same time, whenever there was despair among any of the comrades, he used to invigorate him and rekindle his enthusiasm. If there would be any doubt as to whether we would be able to accomplish the task Comrade Ghosh's attitude was: We have to stick to the task since, we have perceived this to be the true course; if we fail and die on the street, we would deem that was necessary in the interest of revolution in India.

Step by step, Comrade Ghosh, through strenuous struggles built up the edifice of the party, the SUCI. In the process, he dealt with all problems covering every aspect of life in the post-Lenin period on the basis of Marxist science and methodology, concretised, elaborated and enriched Marxism and raised the Marxist understanding on many aspects to a new height. For example, when Khrushchev's report to the 20th Congress of the CPSU was being applauded by the communist parties the world over, Comrade

Ghosh perceived the revisionist content of Khrushchev's policy and said that by this the flood gates of revisionism would be opened. Subsequently, this was corroborated by history. There are many such issues on which Comrade Ghosh enriched Marxism.

Comrade Ghosh used to lay great stress on the question of culture and ethics. He used to say that the kernel, the living soul of any lofty ideal or philosophy lies in its cultural, ethical and aesthetic standard. He used to say that if one had a low cultural standard he was not a true communist. Previously, it was considered to be the height of communist morality to place the party interest above the individual interest. Comrade Ghosh raised communist ethics to a newer height and showed that to be a good communist one's individual interest was to be merged with the interest of the party and revolution.

Today, there are attempts to take the country towards fascism. The ruling bourgeoisie, unable to rule by the ordinary laws, are more and more taking recourse to repressive measures and ordinances. The more they try to solve the problems of crisis-ridden capitalism, the more the problems increase. They will not be able to solve the problems within the present capitalist system. There is a golden opportunity for building up mass movements and for this a countrywide left and democratic front is a burning necessity. But today not only the Congress Governments at the centre and the states, even the CPI(M)-led 'left' governments in West Bengal, Kerala and Tripura are serving the ruling capitalists. In West Bengal, after assumption of office by the "Left Front" Government, one

of the first things that the CPI(M) Chief Minister, Jyoti Basu, did was to give assurance to the capitalists that the new ministry would not harm them: Ashoke Mitra, the CPI(M) Finance Minister, has openly stated: Can Congress assure the capitalists of stability in this state? No. Only the CPI(M), which has hold over the working class, can provide stability to the capitalists in a left-oriented state like West Bengal.

The "Left Front" Government is serving the capitalists well in West Bengal. They think that when Indira would fail, they would emerge as better protectors of capitalist interest on the national scene. Comrade Shibdas Ghosh had clearly foreseen this possibility and cautioned us against it.

Not only that, this "Left Front" Government is not organising any movements; they are actually crushing with brutal ferocity all movements of the toiling people. There are glaring instances galore of this—police firing on the striking Calcutta Port workers, attacks on the Santaldih power plant workers, brutal, inhuman all-out attacks on war footing on the hapless refugees at Marichjhanpi and the barbarous attack on the massive protest demonstration by the SUCI on June 15, 1979 at Calcutta, to name just a few. The CPI(M) and its associates are trying to break the backbone of all mass movements.

Repeated appeals by our party, the SUCI, to these "left" parties for building up joint movements against the fascist moves of the Central Government headed by Smt. Gandhi have been in vain. Therefore, the SUCI has come forward single-handed and is trying to develop mass movements in different parts of the country to the best of its strength and ability.

The massive protest demonstration in Calcutta

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Engaged in sharp class battles in fields and factories, they came in thousands, disciplined and resolute

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bourgeois and social democratic parties.

5th August this year saw this procession parade in streets in every part of the land. In swelled ranks they came to Calcutta from all over West Bengal at the call of the State Committee of the party to join the central rally at Sahid Minar maidan. Thousands of people from all walks of life, men, women and children from far off places of the districts assembled at the city's entry points throughout the day. Throughout the day they marched down the thoroughfares in processions carrying portraits of their most beloved leader, pledging to organize and strengthen their struggle against the black ordinances and Acts of the Central Government, like ESMO, NSA, and others. There were those who had participated in the recent massive movement to resist the anti-people language and education policy of the CPI(M)-led 'Left Front' Government. There were intellectuals, students, youths, workers and peasants, people of different sections of the toiling masses engaged in building up mass movements under the party's banner against price-rise, taxation, power crisis and on all other national and local issues confronting them. Their life is stricken with problems of a hundred kind. But what did attract these men? They want to live and live with honour. Amid the hardship and deprivation they have found a new meaning of life, a new inspiration with which to live. The life and teachings of the great leader of the proletariat, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, have infused them with this spirit. Many a time did they burst into agitation plagued by oppression and

exploitation only to find their wrath burst like bubbles in vain by the treachery of the pseudo-Left social democratic parties. The thought of Comrade Ghosh has revealed to them the roots of all problems in life—whom they shall fight as the main enemy and whom they shall fight as the main danger in organizing struggle against the main enemy. They want to struggle, fight and win emancipation leaving behind this mean existence. So did come poor peasants from faraway villages even at this busy time of cultivation. Agricultural labourers came losing their daily wage. Factory workers came in the face of threatening and intimidation. Peasant women trekking long distances carried children in arms. Students and youths joined the ranks. Aged educationists marched in firm steps.

They are today engaged in sharpening the class battle under the banner of the SUCI founded and reared by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. All the bourgeois and social democratic parties have ganged up against them. They have lost many of their comrades who fell victim to murderous attacks by the CPI(M)-Congress(I)-police-vested interest combine in the course of this battle. They are the disciples of Comrade Ghosh trying to remould themselves with the lofty example of this great proletarian revolutionary character. Struggling to acquire true communist character in the light of his teachings, they are striving to rise above all personal difficulties and identify themselves with the party and revolution.

For the last month they had set themselves ever more deeply to the task of learning and relearning the thoughts of Comrade Ghosh at the call of the Central Committee of the

party. The pupils of Comrade Ghosh parading the streets bore that mark of culture which alone could ensure ultimate victory of the people against all conspiracies, torture, onslaught and decadence. So, the voice of those marching on the streets could stir up the hearts of those on the sides watching the marchers. Slogans echoed in eager hearts. Eyes glinted watching banners, festoons, red flags and marching steps. The same thread bound the marchers with those standing by.

Pools of rain water and mud covered large parts of the meeting ground which filled up as streams of processions flowed in. There was a bookstall at one side decorated with quotation exhibits from works of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. People thronged in to buy the party literature, especially the new publication on the occasion—Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's historic analysis of the Ninth and Tenth Congress of the Chinese Communist Party. In the west rose a tall red column over a rostrum projecting a huge portrait of the great leader of the proletariat. Wreaths were being placed on behalf of state, district and local units of the party and the mass fronts. Comrade Nihar Mukherjee beloved leader and General Secretary of the party, Comrade Sachin Banerjee, member, Central Committee and President at the meeting and Comrade Hiren Sarkar, member Central Committee placed wreaths paying tribute to the departed leader in red salute.

The entire audience stood up as the DYO music squad began singing the song on Comrade Shibdas Ghosh. Komsomol, the young communists' wing of the party, presented its guard of honour. The DSO followed in marching steps to present its guard of honour to the departed great teacher.

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Thousands visited the Quotation Exhibition

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downtrodden toiling people. For it is the party with a correct base political line, that only can lead the masses to their cherished goal of emancipation. As otherwise what will happen? He said, "Out of the discontent of the workers and peasants in the society, time and again revolutionary tide will try to surge forth in waves following waves—in waves after waves it will try to burst out—the contradiction and conflicts brewed up within the society will time and again seek to express and demand a fundamental change of this order, will fervently appeal to human conscience, will urge upon the human consciousness and demand revolution. But there will be no revolution. Again and again the revolutionary tide will recede, will go astray. Time and again reaction will gain. Revolution will have to wait until a revolutionary party emerges with necessary strength to lead it".

How deep was his insight and how far he could see can be understood if anybody looks at the role the CPI, CPI(M) is playing, the way these pseudo-communist parties today are serving the interest of the Indian bourgeoisie, the way they are helping the bourgeoisie to foist fascism in our country; all prove his historic warning.

But can we give in to despair? Should we not rise to the occasion and perform our task? He said, "Comrades, remember you have a great historic responsibility, great historic task ahead".

Thousands of people from all walks of life visited the exhibition during these four days. How inspiring was his teachings, how deep was the impact is evident from some of the comments they wrote.

"In the interest of India's revolution Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's thoughts should be spread everywhere. I extend thousands

of thanks to them who have arranged this valuable Quotation Exhibition."

"Noticing the acts and behaviours of the parties going under the name communist, people have formed wrong ideas about communism. SUCI will be able to give a correct idea about communism. I return with this belief".

"Going through this Quotation Exhibition I have become simply enchanted. I do believe, in near future, the thoughts of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh will rouse the deprived, downtrodden people of our country".

"The efforts you are making, your path is surely the correct path of progress. It is the path, the only path for our people's well-being. If we all move forward immediately shedding our petty interest then surely, one day will come the true liberation of the people".

"I am going back from this exhibition with my head bowed down. I have wasted much of my valuable time in life. But I shall from now on engage myself with full vigour and follow the path laid down by Comrade Ghosh".

"The path Comrade Shibdas Ghosh has laid before us, is the path of truth. One can get some idea from the quotations as to what should be the ideal, imbued with which, one can stand raising his head high. But knowing this alone won't do. One must know more. I believe if the youth of our society follows his ideal it will bring good to the society."

"The economic, social, cultural degeneration that has set in our social life, only Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's thoughts can correct us and save us from those maladies. His thoughts will show us the path for many more decades to come. In my life, right from family life to social life, I shall endeavour to establish this ideal. In the interest of humanity his thoughts should be widely spread."

Country observes Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day

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categorically stated that social democracy is the last prop of fascism. Dealing with the various aspects of fascism Comrade Ghosh showed that the advent of fascism not only in the developed capitalist countries but even in under developed capitalist countries is a distinct possibility in the present-day situation when the whole capitalist world is in the third phase of intense general crisis of capitalism.

TRIPURA

Agartala:

Under the auspices of the Tripura Organising Committee of the SUCI, a memorial meeting was held at the Community hall of Agartala on August 6, last in a solemn and befitting manner to pay homage to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Hare Krishna Debnath, the leader of the teachers' movement of Tripura and Comrade Ashit Bhattacharyya, the Secretary of the Assam State Committee of the SUCI was the main speaker. Comrade Bhattacharyya urged the people to take lesson from the struggling life of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and to shoulder the responsibility of building up a new social order under a correct base political line illumined by Comrade Ghosh. Comrade Bhattacharyya also showed the fundamental difference between the SUCI, the party built by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, and other parties existing in India and urged upon the broad masses of the people of Tripura to strengthen this party, the SUCI which historically emerged as the only communist party in Indian soil.

Comrade Milan Mazumder also addressed the gathering.

HARYANA

Rotak:

To observe 5th August, a memorial meeting was held under the auspices of the Haryana State Organising Committee of the SUCI, at Rotak. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Satywan and Comrade Gyan Singh was the main speaker. Others who addressed the gathering are Comrade Balwant, President, State KKMS and Comrade Shyam Sundar.

Comrade Gyan Singh analysed the present national situation on the anvil of the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and stressed the necessity

of constantly learning and relearning the teachings of Comrade Ghosh for acquiring the communist character. Comrade Gyan Singh said that Comrade Shibdas Ghosh taught us that who soever defends capitalism in this hour of crisis is bound to be authoritarian.

ORISSA

ROURKELA

A mammoth memorial meeting to pay revolutionary homage to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh was organised at Rourkela on August 5, last, in a most solemn and befitting manner. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Dhurjati Dash, President, AIDS O Orissa

State Council and the main speaker was Comrade Tapas Dutta, Secretary, Orissa State Committee of the SUCI.

Comrade Tapas Dutta described some aspects of the life-long struggle of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh in concretising Marxism-Leninism in Indian soil and explained the present situation of the country and the task ahead of the people in the light of the teachings of Comrade Ghosh. Comrade Dutta appealed to the people to strengthen the SUCI the only revolutionary party in India, built by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh on the basis of a correct base political line and on the

strong edifice of higher proletarian morality and culture for overthrowing existing capitalist state machine—the source of all sorts of maladies and miseries of the people and to establish socialism as the only way out of the prevailing crisis.

CUTTACK

5th August was observed in a befitting manner in Cuttack. A big meeting was held at Gouri Sankar Park in Cuttack under the presidency of Comrade Shambhu Nayak, the Secretary, Mayurbhanj District Committee and Comrade Manik Mukherjee, member of the West Bengal State Committee of the SUCI was the main speaker.

Addressing the gathering Comrade Manik Mukherjee explained how Comrade Shibdas Ghosh built up the real revolutionary party of India the SUCI through relentless ideological and political struggle, his brilliant analysis of the class character of the present Indian state, the strategy and tactics of Indian revolution, his exposure of modern revisionism and his teachings about the higher proletarian culture and morality. The meeting evoked great enthusiasm among the people of Cuttack and they listened to the speeches with rapt attention to learn about Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat.

MEGHALAYA

In the Seminar Hall of District Library Auditorium in Shillong a big meeting presided over by Comrade Ranjit Dutta was held. Comrade Ashit Bhattacharyya, Secretary, Assam State Committee of the SUCI was the main speaker.

In highlighting some aspects of the outstanding contributions of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, Comrade Ashit Bhattacharyya

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(Above) Guard of Honour by AIDS O volunteers, braving heavy shower, to the portrait of beloved leader, Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, at Rourkela on 5th August. On the dais Comrade Tapas Dutta, Secretary Orissa State Committee, is giving Red Salute.
(Middle and below) A portion of the procession proceeding towards the meeting place, braving heavy downpour

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showed how Comrade Ghosh analysed the history of the freedom movement of our country in the Marxist angularity and correctly diagnosed the stage of Indian revolution in the post independence period as anti-capitalist socialist revolution. He also highlighted the teaching of Comrade Ghosh on the question of communist character. Comrade Ghosh said that unless individual interest merges with social interest it is not possible to attain the minimum standard in acquiring communist character in the present day situation. Analysing the strategy and tactics as also the structural pattern of the parties like CPI, CPI(M) and CPI(M-L) Comrade Ghosh showed the social democratic character of these pseudo communist parties and built up the SUCI the only real communist party in India.

KERALA

The Kerala state organising Committee of the SUCI organised a memorial meeting at Chinnakkada

Square in Quilon. The meeting was presided over by Comrade R. Muraleedharan Pillai, an important organiser of Quilon District. Comrade James was the main speaker. The meeting was also addressed by C. K. Luckose Secretary, Quilon district committee of the SUCI.

In his speech Comrade Luckose reminded the people of the teachings of Comrade Ghosh that in all capitalist countries whether developed or under developed the bourgeois class is today resorting to fascism through economic and administrative centralisation and cultural regimentation. He urged upon the left and democratic forces to come forward to unitedly resist this slaughter.

Comrade James highlighted some aspect of the teachings of Comrade Ghosh and explained the principled stand of Comrade Ghosh on various issues of international communist movement. Comrade James also explained the teachings of comrade Shibdas Ghosh about the language problem of India and the

historic role English has to perform in this country.

BANGALORE

A public meeting was held on 5th August at Gokhale Institute of Public Affairs in Bangalore to pay revolutionary homage to Comrade Shibdas Ghosh, the great leader of the proletariat. The meeting was presided over by Comrade Sathya, an important organiser of our party and Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, one of the organisers of our party was the main speakers.

Comrade Chakraborty highlighted some aspects of the teachings of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh and said that all the ruling parties in power are instrumental in carrying out the bourgeois design to divide the working class and misdirect the working class movement to serve the interest of capitalism.

TAMIL NADU

A memorial meeting held on 7th August at

Kilavasal, Madurai to observe 5th August in a befitting manner. Comrade R. Suryanarayanan presided over the meeting and Comrade Krishna

Chakraborty was the main speaker. The meeting was also addressed by Comrade Narayansamy and Comrade R. Bhaskar.

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(Above) Observance of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day at Madurai, Tamil Nadu,

Comrade Krishna Chakraborty, a central organiser is addressing.

(Below) A portion of the gathering at Madurai.



(Above) on the dais Comrade James J. Secretary Kerala State Organising Committee is addressing the meeting held at Quilon, Kerala.

(Below) A portion of the gathering at Quilon.

Protest demonstration against ESMO in different states

New Delhi

Hundreds of SUCI volunteers staged a protest demonstration against the promulgation of Essential Services Maintenance Ordinance by the Central Congress(I) Government before the Parliament (Boat Club) in New Delhi on August 7 last and demanded immediate withdrawal of this anti-working class and promonopoly measure to save the crisis-ridden capitalist economy.

Bangalore

At the call of the Central Committee of our party SUCI to organise a protest demonstration and submit a memorandum to the Government demanding the immediate withdrawal of the Essential Services Maintenance Ordinance

the Bangalore City Organising Committee accordingly organised the same on 5th of August, 1981. A procession was taken from the pavilion ground, Malle-swarm at 10.30 A.M. to the Raj Bhavan.

Later on, at the Raj-Bhavan a 4+ member deputation led by Com. K. Radhakrishna, Secretary of the Bangalore City Organising Committee went to meet the Governor. But as he was not available, the deputation met the Secretary to the Governor and submitted the memorandum demanding the immediate withdrawal of the ordinance.

Cuttack

Hundreds of SUCI volunteers staged a protest demonstration before the

Cuttack Collectorate against the promulgation of Essential Services Maintenance Ordinance by the Central Congress(I) Government.

Before the demonstration a long procession consisting of hundreds of workers, peasants, students and youth marched through the main roads of the city.

A deputation team led by Mr. Dwarikanath Rath, Chitta Ranjan Behera, Raghunath Das, Nabakishore Rout submitted a memorandum to the authority.

A meeting was held inside the Collectorate premises presided over by Mr. Mayadhar Nayak. The meeting was addressed by Binapani Das, Udhav Jena, and Raghunath Das. The demonstration has created a great impact on the people.

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ANDHRA

A memorial meeting was held in Kurnool on 3rd August '81 on the occasion of the 5th Death Anniversary of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh.

Comrade E.P.A. Rasheed Incharge of Anantapur unit of the Party presided over the meeting and Comrade Krishna Chakraborty was the main speaker. Comrade B. Srinivas Rao, Secretary, Kurnool District organising Committee also addressed the gathering.

Roy, Dilip Bhattacharjya (UTUC-Lenin Sarani), Rasbehari Moitra (BMS), Bhajan Dasgupta (HMS) Sougata Roy (WBPNTUC-Dara group), phani Bagchi (IFTU).

A memorandum demanding immediate repeal of the hated ordinance was sent to the Governor.

Carry forward the behest of Comrade Shibdas Ghosh

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or June 15, 1979, subsequent mass violation of law all over the state of West Bengal, the massive, long drawn movement against the anti-people educational policies of "Left Front" Government of West Bengal which compelled the government to retrace its steps at last for the time being, the magnificent struggle by the students in Orissa, peasants, and workers' movements in Bihar, U.P., Haryana, and other places are some of these. A definite milestone was the historic protest march

against anti-people policies of the Indira Government in New Delhi on November 4 last year by thousands and thousands of SUCI volunteers.

The process is on, the movements will continue. Unless we carry forward Comrade Shibdas Ghosh's thought and reach it to every corner of the country, the Indian liberation struggle will not make headway. Comrades, rise to the occasion and fulfil your historic task!

Long Live Comrade Shibdas Ghosh!
Long Live SUCI!
Long Live Revolution!

Assam State Committee's letter to different left parties

Gauhati, 23rd July 1981:

Comrade Asit Bhattacharyya, Secretary of the Assam State Committee of the SUCI, today, the 23rd July '81 in a letter addressed to the Assam State Secretaries of the CPI, CPI(M) and RCPI urging upon them to make their position clear as regards the reported observation of Sri Golap Borbora, President of the Assam branch of the Janata Party (as published in some of the dailies, on 23rd July '81) to the effect that efforts were being made to form alternative Govt. in Assam with the help of the CPI(M) and the other leftist parties and that as a prelude to that they had

proposed joint movement with the leftists on socio-economic issues.

Reiterating SUCI's characterization of the Janata Party as another party engaged in defending the aggregate interest of the Indian capitalist class, and stressing the fact that in order to bring some relief to the oppressed people, unity of the genuine left-democratic forces is the only need of the hour the letter made it clear that SUCI would never become a party to any alignment with Janta Party, which, like the Congress(I) and Congress(U) was equally anti-people, anti movement political force.

Beacon light to the oppressed millions

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Following the presidential speech of Comrade Sachin Banerjee explaining the significance of observing Comrade Shibdas Ghosh Memorial Day, Comrade Nihar Mukherjee gave his brilliant analysis of the present political situation of the country. 'Is not the time ripe yet, Comrades, to stand up and resist unitedly the onslaught of the fascist menace?'—his words in the end rang across the

ground like a stirring can to rouse all who yearned for revolutionary emancipation of the masses.

The words are echoing far and near. We are to respond to it, we must not delay, we must follow the path shown by Comrade Shibdas Ghosh to be equal to the task. Then, then will rise his legion like a mighty wave sweeping across this vast land of ours from end to end and revolution will be at our door.

Thousands Court Arrest protesting against ESMO Black Day Observed in West Bengal

Calcutta, 18th August '81:

The 17th August '81, the 'Black Day' declared by the National Campaign Committee of eight Central trade unions against the promulgation of the black ordinance ESMO was observed in West Bengal through Mass Violation of Law in Calcutta. The programme was organised by the West Bengal State Committee of the National Campaign Committee (N.C.C.). Altogether 4012 workers and employees were arrested by the police.

Before the mass violation of law a meeting was held on behalf of the W. B. State Committee of N. C. C. by the UTUC (Lenin Sarani), HMS, BMS, WBPNTUC (Dara group) and IFTU (Associate Member) at

Subodh Mallick Square where Comrade Fatick Ghosh (UTUC-LS), Satin Roychowdhury (HMS), Rashbehari Moitra (BMS) Sougata Roy (WBPNTUC-Dara gr.) and Phani Bagchi (IFTU) addressed. They all strongly condemned the promulgation of this anti-working class ordinance and demanded its forthwith scrapping. Thereafter a massive procession marched through the Lenin Sarani and was obstructed by the police at Rani Rasmoni Road. The demonstrators began mass violation of law and were arrested. Among those who courted arrests were Comrade Fatick Ghosh, Comrade Sitesh Dasgupta, Sanat Dutta, Sanker Saha, Jiad Ali Boxi, N. C.

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